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SUBJECT: NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 149073 AND 151600

1. HEAD OF UN DIVISION OF LEBANESE FONOFF SAID HE UNDERSTANDS USG POSTIONS RE CAMBODIA AND WILL CONSULT WITH FORMIN (HADDAD). HOWEVER, HE RECALLED THAT LEBANON HAD ABSTAINED WHEN QUESTION AROSE AT GEORGETOWN CONFERENCE WHERE SIHANOUK PARTY HAD EVENTUALLY BEEN SEATED. HE DOUBTFUL THAT GOL WILL CHANGE ITS PREVIOUS POSTION OF ABSTENTION.

2. CONCERNING OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO CONFERENCE, HADDAD CONFIRMED THAT GOL WILL BE REPRESENTED BY FONMIN AND NEITHER PRESIDENT NOR PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE ATTENDING. HADDAD EXPLAINED GOL KOW-PROFILE AS DUE TO PRESIDENT FRANGIE'S AVERSION TO IDEA OF NON-ALIGNMENT AS WELL AS HIS GENERAL UNHAPPINESS WITH MANY OF ARAB STATES AS RESULT THEIR ATTITUDE DURING GOL-FEDAYEEN FIGHTING LAST MAY.

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3. YOGOSLAVS AND ALGERIANS HAVE BEEN PRINCIPAL PROMOTERS OF NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE HERE WITH ASSIST FROM MOROCCO WHICH, LIKE ALGERIA SENT SPECIAL EMISSARY TO URGE (UN-SUCCESSFULLY) THAT PRESIDENT FRANGIE ATTEND IN PERSON. EMOFF ASSURED YOGOSLAV AMB, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, THAT USG HAD ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO WITH FRANGIE DECISION NOT TO ATTEND AND THAT WE NOT RPT NOT OPPOSING OR TRYING DOWNGRADE ALGIERS CONFERENCE. ALGERIAN AMB TELLS US THAT PREPARATORY PAPERS ARE AS MUCH ORIENTED TOWARD ECONOMIC AS POLITICAL PROBLEMS.

4. COMMENT: THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF POSSIBLE SEPARATE ARAB SUMMIT AT ALGIERS EITHER JUST BEFORE OR JUST AFTER NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AND FRANGIE APPARENTLY PREFERS TO AVOID SEEING GOL PUT ON SPOT BY SENDING LOWER-LEVEL REP WHO WOULD BE LITTLE MORE THAN OBSERVER. THIS PASSIVE APPROACH WILL ALSO APPARENTLY APPLY TO WORK OF NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, AS WELL. FONOFF HAS INSPIRED PIECE IN LOCAL WEEKLY NEWS MAGAZINE POKING FUN AT ENTIRE CONCEPT OF NON-ALIGNMENT AT TIME WHEN USSR AND ROC ARE WORKING HARD TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH USG; WHEN INDONESIA'S POLITICAL COMPLEXION HAS CHANGED ALMOST 180 DEGREES; AND WHEN INDIA, EGYPT AND IRAQ HAVE ACTUALLY SIGNED TREATIES WITH USSR. GOL VIEW, AS EXPRESSED IN ARTICLE, IS THAT ONLY SENSIBLE CONCEPT FOR NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IS ECONOMIC AND WOULD THEREFORE BE VIRTUAL DUPLICATION OF WORK OF GROUP OF 77. BUFFUM

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